

**City of Gresham**  
Natural Resources and Sustainability Council Advisory Committee ("NRSC")  
Thursday, February 19, 2015  
Gresham City Hall  
**Meeting Summary**

**Members:**

Present

Chair Chris Bentley  
Joe Blubaum  
Kurt Fuerstenau  
Jason Howard  
Shannon Martin  
Tracy Thorson

Unable to Attend

Councilor McCormick

**Staff:**

Dan Blue, Recycling and Solid Waste Manager  
Steve Fancher, Environmental Services Director  
Katherine Kelly, Transportation Planning Manager  
Ken Koblitz, Development Engineering Supervisor

**Guests:**

Kathy Minden, People for Parks  
Raine Lee Ritatto

Chair Chris Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, requesting introductions. The summary of the January 22, 2015 meeting was reviewed and approved.

**1. Trails and Paths Master Plan**

Ms. Kelly and Mr. Koblitz presented information on the City's comprehensive plan for trails and paths. Gresham received a grant to fund this project. In order to streamline this process, changes to Gresham's development code have been proposed and are being reviewed. Proposals include creation of a new category in the review process for corridor projects, designation of transit streets, and updating bike parking requirements. The City is working to provide amenities and alternative transportation options while minimizing the impact to developers. The entire presentation is included with the meeting materials.

**2. Hogan Butte Grant – Letter of Support**

Mr. Fancher distributed a letter in support of grant applications to fund a regional nature park at Hogan Butte. By voice vote, the committee agreed that Chair Bentley will sign the letter on behalf of the NRSC.

**3. Sustainability Report Card Update**

Mr. Blue presented a draft of the sustainability report card, incorporating the additional indicators requested by the committee. The report includes internal and community indicators, and multi-year comparisons. He suggested including comparisons to regional and national data and asked for specific direction from the committee regarding which indicators to include. Mr. Fuerstenau and Ms. Thorson agreed to join Chair Bentley on a subcommittee to refine the report card.

**4. New Business**

Chair Bentley reported on his recent presentation of the Natural Resources Report to City Council. He noted that it was well-received and that Council welcomes input from the Committee.

Mr. Martin reported on his communication with Mt. Hood Community College regarding student internships with the committee. The MHCC staff contact is receptive, but is currently out of the country. Mr. Martin will follow up.

**5. Adjournment**

Chair Bentley adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**NOTE: This meeting was recorded in its entirety. Contact Dan Blue to obtain a digital recording.**

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